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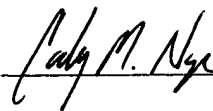
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TITLE: AN IMPROVED METHOD FOR
THE PREPARATION OF
MONTELUKAST ACID AND SODIUM
SALT THEREOF IN AMORPHOUS
FORM

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated, February 24, 2009 (Part of Paper No./Mail Date 20090217) (herein referred to as "the Office Action" or "this Office Action" or "the present Office Action").

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.

The three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on May 24, 2009. Therefore, this Response is timely filed. Should a Petition for an Extension of Time be required, please consider this paper as a petition for such an extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, which may be required by this paper, to Deposit Account No. 18-0586.